GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6233
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2002
ARREST OF HIJACKER
B.K. PARTHASARATHI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the hijackers of IC-814 has been arrested in Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details of efforts being made to deport him to India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. As part of its policy of sponsoring cross border terrorism in India, Pakistan continues to provide safe haven to several fugitives from Indian law including those responsible for the hijacking of IC 814 to Kandahar.

On 31st December 2001, Government handed over to Pakistan a list of 20 fugitives from law and asked that they be apprehended and handed over to India so that they can be brought to justice for the crimes committed in this country. Pakistan has, however, taken no action in this regard. In his address to the Pakistan nation on January 12, the President of Pakistan openly stated that there was no question of any Pakistan national figuring on the list of 20 being handed over to India. On the presence in Pakistan of the non-Pakistan nationals who figure on the list, the President sought to obfuscate the issue by stating that Pakistan had not given asylum to any such person.